

SASOG has various 'daughter societies', and we are happy to promote their cause. SAJOG will carry information about their – and SASOG's – activities for your enlightenment.

**South African Society of
Ultrasound in Obstetrics and
Gynaecology**

The SASUOG Committee is as follows: Chairperson: Professor Edward Coetzee (ecoetzee@uctgsh1.uct.ac.za), Vice-Chair: Dr Linnie Muller, Secretary: Dr Ilse Erasmus (ilse_erasmus@hotmail.com), Treasurer: Dr Fred Hayward, Members: Dr Pierre Davis (Pretoria), Dr Lut Geerts (Tygerberg), Dr Logie Govender (Durban), Prof Bridget Jeffrey (Pretoria), Prof Ermos Nicolou (Johannesburg), Dr Karin Norman (Cape Town), Dr John Parkes (Pietermaritzburg) and Dr Chantal Stewart (Groote Schuur).

**South African Society of
Reproductive Science and
Surgery**

The International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) conference is to be held in Durban on 29 April - 3 May 2007. Exceptional academic and social programmes are on offer, and this will be the first conference to be staged on the African continent by the IFFS.

We hope that with this conference the SASRSS will honour the theme of its bid: 'Spreading expertise of our discipline into the rest of Africa; supporting a considerable number of disadvantaged delegates from the rest of Africa to the event; and contributing to the extensive outreach programme of

our Federation to the rest of the world.'

We are sure that Durban, the International Convention Centre and our highly professional conference organiser will live up to the highest expectations, and that the activities that have been developed, pre-conference and post-conference tours and accompanying persons' programmes will contribute to an unforgettable experience.

Visit our website www.iffs2007.org.za for all information.

**South African Menopause
Society**

2007 promises to be a busy and productive year for SAMS.

The SAMS Guidelines for the use of menopausal hormone therapy were updated in November 2006. These updated guidelines reflect the most recent data we have from clinical trials. They have been submitted to the *South African Medical Journal* for publication and will appear in the first half of 2007.

The International Menopause Society (IMS) will be meeting on 24 - 26 February to update their Guidelines. SAMS is affiliated to the IMS and will have two representatives at this meeting. SAMS will co-ordinate the release of these guidelines to the public via the media and also to members via the SAMS Newsletter.

The IFFS meeting takes place at the ICC in Durban at the end of April. As stated in our previous update, SAMS, NAMS, the IMS and the American Society of Reproductive Medicine are co-hosting a full-day pre-congress workshop on 29 April entitled 'The Contemporary Treatment of Postmenopausal Women'. There are also two trilogies devoted to menopause during the congress.

The highlight of the SAMS 2007 will be the 6th SAMS conference at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 31 October - 3 November. The theme is 'Breaking Menopausal Myths'. The full spectrum of issues facing menopause practitioners will be discussed. An excellent faculty of international and local speakers will address delegates on topics including an appraisal of current guidelines on hormone therapy from the IMS, NAMS and SAMS, menopause and the CNS, oncology, osteoporosis and a workshop on 'Lipids for the Menopause Practitioner'. Please contact the Congress Secretariat, Royal House, at 082 553 8201 or royalh@mweb.co.za.

The South African Urogynaecology Association

SAUGA is organising a national congress in Bloemfontein on 2 - 4 August 2007. Invitations will be mailed shortly.